

be assigned to full-time Olympic security duties. Not counting state prison guards, some 73 percent of all State of Georgia employees who have law enforcement credentials will be assigned to the Olympics. This is not just Atlanta, but the whole State. So almost 75 percent of all credentialed law enforcement officials will be used by Georgia in the Olympics.

Misleading report No. 6: DOD personnel will be watering the Olympic field hockey fields. That is the charge. Fact: DOD personnel will not be watering Olympic playing fields. Media accounts have led the public to believe that DOD personnel engaged in this activity, conjuring an image of teams of soldiers acting as laborers with garden hoses. In fact, one television news reader asked, "doesn't the military know that water won't make artificial turf grow?" This claim is simply not true. This watering equipment was requested for use during the games because local water department officials and the Atlanta fire chief feared that water pressure in their municipal water system would fall to dangerous levels under the known demand to dispense 4,500 gallons of water over a field in a 7 minute period twice during each competition. DOD will provide four 50,000 gallon water bladders, two 20,000 gallon water bladders, and six water pumps which will be used to water three Olympic field hockey fields. As GAO noted in its June 14 letter to Senator McCAIN that military personnel will operate the bladders and "ACOG personnel will operate the above ground watering systems distributing water on the fields . . . in accordance with Field Hockey International Federation rules." The military uses this equipment to store and distribute water to its personnel in extreme environments, and similar equipment was used in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. As a matter of fact, similar equipment was used when we had the huge floods in Georgia and we had whole cities that could not be supplied with water, where people literally had no water to drink. DOD came in that emergency and helped, as they have with other floods around the country. A similar DOD bladder system was tested for the Olympics in 1995 at a cost of \$11,884 for setting up and operating the system.

The important thing here, as with other nonsecurity activities, expenses to the military are reimbursed. ACOG reimbursed the costs in 1995 and will reimburse all associated costs for the water system when it is used during the games. Any diligent reporter could have ascertained these facts before printing the misleading information.

Misleading report No. 7: The Navy has contributed \$39,750 worth of barges to support the Olympic yachting competition. Fact: The Navy has provided three barges for use at Olympic yachting competitions outside of Savannah, but not at taxpayer expense. ACOG reimbursed the DOD \$39,750 in

1995 for the costs associated with the use of these barges. Again, a fact that could have been ascertained before the misleading reports were printed.

Also ignored in the media reports was the fact that the yachting competition will take place in waters surrounding environmentally sensitive barrier islands. In total, 25 barges—3 from the Navy—will be used as spectator platforms in an effort to protect the sensitive coastal areas from irreparable damage. I am advised that the three Navy barges are over 45 years old, were in storage until they were brought up to a usable condition—at ACOG's expense—and were moved to Savannah by the Army's 7th Transportation Group at Fort Eustis, VA. The DOD Office of Special Events determined that movement of the barges by the Army was a non reimbursable expense. All other costs associated with the barges were deemed reimbursable by the Office of Special Events and were reimbursed by ACOG.

Misleading report No. 8: DOD purchased ice chests for the Atlanta Police Department. Fact: DOD is not purchasing new ice chests for the police as the public has been led to believe. DOD will provide 35 chests from current DOD stock inventory on a use and return basis. Once again, General Tilelli's responses to questions at the June 11 Committee hearing confirmed that DOD will loan the stock coolers to the police. This is the stock of material that is retained by the Office of Special Events for just such use.

Misleading report No. 9: DOD has provided nonsecurity support for the Atlanta Olympic games, but it has not been reimbursed. Fact: For the non security items that have been provided to date, ACOG has reimbursed DOD in full and will reimburse when any future nonsecurity support is provided. To date, ACOG and associated Olympic organizing committees have reimbursed DOD almost \$600,000. Future reimbursements are expected to exceed \$100,000.

Misleading report No. 10: DOD constructed a new dining facility for athletes use during the Olympic games. Fact: DOD provided a relocatable facility at the Paralympic Athletes Village in support of the Paralympic games. After its use at the games, this relocatable facility will be transported to Blount Island, FL, to support maintenance activities for active duty Marines stationed at this facility. Personally, I am proud that our military is able to assist the Paralympics in this fashion.

If anyone objects to this, let it be criticized in the effect of it being the Paralympics, not the Olympics. I believe our soldiers take great pride in participating in a project that assists athletes of such astounding, astounding great courage. Members of our military sadly are no strangers to the impact of injury or illness that some define as "incapacitating." But the Paralympic athletes have proved by

their own performance and their tremendous courage that the definition of "incapacitated" needs reexamination by our society.

Mr. President, I imagine there are other inaccurate accounts that have been publicly disseminated but have not come to my attention. I do not pretend that I am answering everything that has been in the media. I have not read it all. Unfortunately, it seems that many members of the media in this area have not taken the time to check the facts. I simply urge, when these other reports or charges come up, that someone check with the Department of Defense, check with the ACOG committee before they write these kinds of articles. Hopefully, in the weeks ahead, the critics will check some of the cynicism at the door and focus on the many good and positive stories associated with the aspirations and preparations involved with the Olympics and the Paralympics, a very special part of our modern history.

Mr. President, I have previously asked that the attachment from the deputy attorney general that I alluded to be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. COVERDELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak as in morning business for up to maybe 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ROHYPNOL, THE DATE RAPE DRUG

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, as chairman of the Western Hemisphere subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, I have recently come upon a very serious crisis beginning to develop in our country. As you know, we have been exceedingly interested in the drug epidemic for which this country is currently exposed, with drug use among our young teenagers virtually doubling in the last 36 months.

But in the course of the inquiry and the hearings, we have come across a new drug called Rohypnol. This drug is now being characterized in the media as a date rape drug. I will share with the Senate some of the horrible and tragic effects of this new drug that has found its way increasingly into our country, particularly in our southern States, Florida, in Texas, but throughout the South.

I quote, "It is an ideal drug for predators to give women for the purpose of sexual assault." This is a quote from a former Los Angeles police officer who said, "The victim is defenseless, and she doesn't have a memory of it when she comes to."

"We've never come up with a pill that has these specific characteristics," Bob Nichols, Broward County, FL, prosecutor said. "I know of no other pill that erases your memory and takes effect in 10 minutes."

Michael Scarce, director of the Rape Education and Prevention Program at Ohio State University, recently received a call from a rape crisis center in another State and recounted it to a Columbus, OH, newspaper. "An employee of the center informed me that they had had a long conversation with an OSU student who was looking for the drug over the Internet to use it for sexual purposes."

Mr. President, in a Washington, DC suburb, two men, ages 18 and 19, were charged with rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor after giving Rohypnol to two 15-year-old girls. The men slipped Rohypnol into the unsuspecting girls' sodas.

One Broward County, FL, man who pleaded guilty to Rohypnol rape in a 1993 case told authorities that he used this drug to rape as many as 20 women.

A 17-year-old Coral Springs girl was raped on January 7 while she was under the influence of Rohypnol, lost 10 hours between having dinner with friends and waking up in a strange hotel bed.

An incident involving a 15-year-old from Cooper City, FL, that happened in June at a sweet-16 party at the Merrimac Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. Police have charged two brothers and another gentleman with repeated rape in this case.

The list of this type of incident goes on and on, and with increasing frequency across our country. An unsuspecting victim has somebody offer them a drink or a soda, slips one of these pills into the drink, and the person begins immediately, within 15 minutes, to lose control of their senses. Some are unable to walk, so the helping partner is helping this person, that seems to have too much to drink, to the car, takes the keys, looks at the license, goes to the person's apartment or home, obviously enters, and rape occurs.

The problem is that the victim is unable to defend themselves, unable to even maintain a conscious memory of what transpired, and is unable to recall what took place. When you read these stories, one after the other, it raises a sense of alarm in any American that would hear of this situation.

The typical abuser is age 15 to 22, white, and uses other substances such as marijuana and alcohol. The drug is a common fixture at raves, all-night dance parties frequented by the under-21 set.

The drug is widely used in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Arizona, and Oklahoma. DEA officials also predict the use of the drug will spread and has already been found as far north as Maryland and as far west as California.

The majority of this drug is coming from production in Mexico and Colombia and being smuggled into the country. The problem with it is that it is legally manufactured in other countries. So it is just poised to become yet another lethal target for coming into the United States and disrupting the lives of thousands upon thousands of Ameri-

cans. And in a most tragic form because it is now being used as a lethal weapon. It is not just a matter of choice, a bad choice to use drugs, this is an innocent victim, this is a victim not necessarily involved in drugs, who is being victimized by a predator.

As a result of these findings, Mr. President, we will hold a hearing on July 16 in the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee to further explore the vast and new growth of this violent drug that is being brought into the United States.

Mr. President, later this afternoon I will introduce legislation that creates a new Federal cause of action to combat rapists and other felons who use Rohypnol or other illegal imported controlled substances as a weapon to exploit innocent victims.

Under the bill, a criminal who administers Rohypnol against the will of another person in order to commit rape or other felonies would face stiff new prison sentences and fines. The measure will take a tough stand against this new threat which is growing as this drug is smuggled into our country from Mexico, Colombia and other Nations in our hemisphere.

It will send a clear message to rapists and other predators that attempting to use this new drug as a weapon against innocent victims will not be tolerated in the United States. This new crime is necessary due to the unprecedented danger this new criminal tool poses to unsuspecting victims—Americans.

We desperately need to deter this insidiously effective technique which both disables victims and wipes out their memories, making it almost impossible to mount evidence against these criminals.

The bill is also needed so that as this drug is smuggled across our borders and spreads across new State lines, prosecutors in all parts of the Nation are given the tools to deter this scourge.

The Federal prosecution of this offense would require consultation with State and local authorities having jurisdiction over the felonies.

Mr. President, in conclusion, I say that the review of the cases involved with this Rohypnol drug conjure up the worst kind of tragedy that could befall a next door neighbor, a member of your family, a community or business. It is an ugly, ugly picture. When we look at the data of the increased usage and the potential for violence that this drug represents, I am hopeful this Congress will move swiftly and quickly to get our arms around any effort, any potential to restrain the use of this drug in our country and to protect our citizens.

I think, also, Mr. President, in the effort, we are also in the business of educating unsuspecting youth in our country of the vast danger. One of the other problems with this drug is, because of its manufacturer and packaging, it is thought to be semi-OK. It is not. It is deadly and painful.

I hope others will join me in attempting to corral this horrible scourge

being put upon the citizens of our country. I yield the floor.

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The Senate continued with consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4350, WITHDRAWN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, last night I was joined by the distinguished Senator from Georgia, and during wrap-up I inadvertently sent to the desk amendment No. 4350. I wish to correct that and withdraw the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4350) was withdrawn.

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, at the hour of 4 o'clock p.m. today the Senate lay aside any pending amendments to the DOD authorization bill and Senator PRYOR be recognized to offer his amendment regarding GATT, and immediately following the reporting by the clerk, Senator HATCH be recognized to offer a relevant, perfecting amendment limited to 30 minutes, equally divided in the usual form, with an additional 10 minutes under the control of Senator SPECTER, and following the disposition of the second-degree amendment, if agreed to, Senator PRYOR be recognized to offer a further second-degree amendment, and there be 30 minutes' time for debate prior to a motion to table, to be equally divided in the usual form, with an additional 10 minutes under the control of Senator SPECTER, and following the conclusion or yielding back of time, Senator LOTT be recognized to move to table the second-degree Pryor amendment, and no other amendments or motions be in order prior to the motion to table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, reserving the right to object—I do not think I am going to object—I think we are just about to achieve this agreement.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from New Hampshire yield for that purpose?

Mr. SMITH. The Senator from New Hampshire does have a further item on the unanimous-consent request that I would like to finish, but I think it is contingent upon whether or not there